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SUBJ: RED:ECAFE:PROSPECTIVE GUAM MEMBERSHIP IN ECAFE

MANILA FOR USADB

1. SUMMARY: RETURNING FROM ADB MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR, REPRESENTATIVES OF GUAM GOVERNOR CAMACHO VISITED ECAFE OFFICIALS IN BANGKOK TO DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP. GOVERNOR PLANS OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP AT 31ST ECAFE SESSION IN NEW DELHI IN ORDER SECURE ADB MEMBERSHIP LATER. END SUMMARY.

2. JOHN D. GILLIAM, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNOR CARLOS G. CAMACHO, TERRITORY OF GUAM, AND DR. EDWIN L. CAREY, DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, VISITED BANGKOK APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF ECAFE MEMBERSHIP WITH FOLLOWING SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS: R. HORONO, RESEARCH CHIEF, ECAFE/FAO AGRICULTURE DIVISION; H. JHABVALA, OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND PROK AMRANAND, TRADE DIVISION CHIEF. WHEN PROK ASKED THEM IF U.S. EMBASSY AWARE THEIR VISIT, GILLIAM SAID HE ASSUMED SO BUT IMMEDIATELY CALLED ECAFE LIAISON OFFICER IN RED WHO INDICATED HE WAS UNINFORMED.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY GILLIAM AND CAREY VISITED RED. THEY REVEALED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED GUAM MEMBERSHIP IN ECAFE AND ADB WITH

U.S. DELEGATION TO ADB ANNUAL MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR. THEY CARRIED FILE COPY OF UNDATED LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIS C. ARMSTRONG TO GOVERNOR CAMACHO WHICH DISCUSSED ECAFE AND ADB MEMBERSHIP AND RAISED CERTAIN QUESTIONS. GILLIAM SAID LETTER WAS SIGNED IN EARLY APRIL.

4. GILLIAM WHO DID MOST OF THE TALKING INDICATED THAT GOVERNOR CAMACHO'S ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO SEEK ECAFE MEMBERSHIP AT THE 31 ST SESSION IN NEW DELHI AND IS PLANNING TO SUBMIT ITS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BY ECAFE DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 1974. GILLIAM REALIZED THAT THIS IS SUBJECT TO THE "GENERAL REVIEW" OF GUAM-FEDERAL RELATIONS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT"...WHICH IS SCHEDULED LATER THIS YEAR.

5. GILLIAM CLAIMED GOVERNOR CAMACHO IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN HAVING GUAM JOIN ECAFE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADB MEMBERSHIP BUT THERE ARE MANY ECAFE SERVICES WHICH ARE ALSO APPEALING SUCH AS: TRAINING IN THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING. THE GOVERNOR WOULD LIKE TO TRAIN HIS STAFF TO ADMINISTER A 56 MILLION DOLLAR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN WHICH IS EXPECTED THIS YEAR. TRADE AND TOURISM ARE OTHER AREAS IN WHICH ECAFE ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE USEFUL.

6. GILLIAM APOLOGIZED FOR NOT ANNOUNCING VISIT EARLIER AND INSISTED THAT HE AND CAREY WERE NOT TRYING TO GO OUT OF CHANNELS. THEY WERE MAINLY WEEKING INFORMATION AND WHAT THEY HAD SEEN SO FAR REINFORCED THEIR VIEW THAT GUAM, LIKE HONG KONG AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, SHOULD JOIN ECAFE. WHETHER IT SHOULD GO ON AND ALSO TRY TO JOIN ADB IS NOT YET CLEAR IN THEIR MINDS.

7. LIAISON OFFICER INFORMED GUAM REPRESENTATIVES THAT RED STOOD READY TO ASSIST THEM IMPROVE THEIR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ECAFE PROVIDED THAT THIS CORRESPONDED WITH U.S. POLICY ON EXPANDING GUAM'S RELATIONS WITH UN BODIES.

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